

88. A mail box facility for use with a telephony system, comprising:

a speech recognition user interface for allowing a user to input speech commands for controlling the mail box facility, and for outputting a recognition result based on comparing the input speech commands with pre-stored reference models;

control means, responsive to the recognition result output from the interface, for controlling the mail box facility in accordance with an input speech command; and

storage means for storing messages left by callers, when the users are unable to take the calls,

wherein each message stored in the mailbox is associated with the telephone number of the caller who left the message, whereby users can request, via the speech recognition user interface, the mailbox facility to replay messages from a particular caller.--.

#### REMARKS

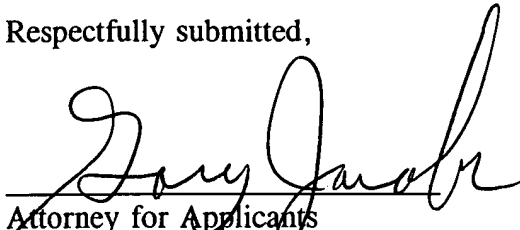
The present application is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/796,420.

Claims 63-86 are pending in this application and have been newly added to provide Applicants with an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. Claims 63, 64 and 86 are independent. Applicants believe that Claims 63-86 are fully supported by the specification and drawings.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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